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25X1 13. [ ] James Woolsey, Armed Services Committee staff, called to report that yesterday Senators Stennis and Symington discussed the scope of the Symington amendment with respect to U.S. embassy and Agency station costs. Symington has agreed that these costs should not be included in the ceiling imposed by his amendment but told Stennis he wanted to know as a matter of his own information what these costs were. Woolsey asked that we give him a paper today on the cost of Agency expenditures in Laos other than paramilitary operations. He said Ed Braswell was obtaining cost figures on the embassy from the State Department.

Later in the day, after conferring with General Counsel and OPPB on figures provided by FE Division, I gave Braswell a blind memo stating the amount of the Agency budget (excluding paramilitary costs) for Laos for FY 1972. On advice from John Clarke I told Braswell that he should not assume this figure would remain the same in subsequent years. I told him that, if Senator Stennis wants all Agency paramilitary expenditures for Laos terminated we will have to make some adjustments in our Laos budget and it was possible that our figure for non-paramilitary expenditures in Laos for FY 1973 could be increased by one and a half times the FY 1972 figure. Braswell said he understood. I also told him the figure I had given him should be treated as a CIA Subcommittee matter and again he said he understood.

Mr. Braswell mentioned in passing that it looked like the House Committee was going to accept the Symington amendment as it passed the Senate. I expressed grave concern about this and told him that independently of our efforts Fred Buzhardt, DOD, had come up with similar language changes in the amendment and he (Braswell) could expect to hear from Buzhardt on this. Braswell commented that time had just about run out. He said this would probably all be settled by the conferees tomorrow.

In a later conversation on this subject, Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, said the House conferees have not reached a decision on the amendment and the issue will not be settled in the Conference tomorrow. .

25X1 14. [ ] Talked to Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, about a time for Mr. Duckett to brief him on a sensitive overhead reconnaissance program. Woodruff said that since his work has accelerated considerably he has decided to put this over until a later date. He said he would be back in touch with us on it.

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